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1. Although he has no permit to remain in Egypt, Panayoti Xenos, a Communist of long standing, is still in Alexandria. ~~Comment.~~ Xenos was dismissed in May 1944 from his position as a teacher at the Greek Community School in Port Said, because of his alleged participation in the mutiny of the Greek naval vessel AVEROFF. He worked briefly thereafter in Greece, Cyprus, and in Tanta, Zagazig, and Cairo, Egypt. In each instance he lost his position as a result of his communist activities.
2. On 12 October 1948 Aleksei Chvedov, First Secretary of the Soviet Legation in Cairo, visited Patriarch Christophoros of the Orthodox Church in Alexandria and asked the Patriarch to assist Xenos in the matter of his remaining in Egypt. Chvedov suggested that, if Xenos were given a position at the Patriarchate, he would have the protection of the Church and the local authorities could no longer refuse him the right of residence in Egypt. Patriarch Christophoros complied with this request, and Xenos is now employed in the Library of the Patriarchate in Alexandria.

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